

The 126th annual meeting of the Bent-Powers Cattle and Horse Growers Association convened at 1:00 P.M. on Saturday March 25, 1995 at the Las Animas High School in Las Animas, Colorado with President Steve Ptolemy presiding.

Jim Schleining gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Southeast Junior Cattlemen's Association. Ms. Jancie Keenan welcomed our group in behalf of the Las Animas Chamber of Commerce.

Marilyn Weber, President of the American National Cattlemen, reported on the Beef Ambassador program, to which Colorado sent a contestant for the first time this year. Also, the Cattlemen asked the Beef Board for money to train Beef Demonstrators, this program will be started at the Mid-year meeting in July in Denver. The Beef Cook-off will be held in Little Rock, Arkansas, September 21-23. Ms. Weber further reported on her travels as President of the ANCW and is looking forward to meeting more people and seeing more of the nation during her term. It was further reported that the Cattlemen were not invited to be part of the first phase of the transition team on Industry Unification, but will be participants in the second phase to find out where the Cattlemen's organization fits in to the unified organization.

Susie Magnuson, President of the Colorado Cattlemen, reported on the success of the CCW Legislative Day Dinner held recently in Denver and that Colorado is to be the host of ANCW region 5 meeting to be held in Grand Junction, states included are Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, and Alaska. Ms. Magnuson further reported on the success of the Beef Dinner Solutions Program and the importance of this programs continuance in today's urban based society. She also urged all who could attend to come to the CCA Convention in June at Montrose.

Kay Lynn Hefley, President of the Southeast Colorado Cattlemen, reported that the organization currently had 52 members and thanked Bent-Powers for their donation for the Beef for Father's Day Program. The new theme for the Beef Display board is "Beef it's what's for dinner" to be displayed at all local fairs along with drawings for Beef Certificates that can also be purchased at local banks. It was also reported that, Blackwell Station is now using the Brand Napkins sold by SECCW full time. Ms. Hefley also reported on the organizations involvement with the Beef Demonstrations at the Colorado State Fair and with the Springfield 6th grade class and their pen of cattle project.

Hans Hasser and Dave Mendenhall presented the 1995 Breeding Beef Award winners they were: Brandi Roberson-Kiowa County, Elgin Elmore-Powers County, Matt Rufenacht-Diablo County, Morgan Cline-Bent County, and Brad Coul-Baca County.

Sparky Turner reported from Senator Hank Brown's office about the new congresses "Contract with America" and on the current status of the 1995 Farm Bill. There has been no action at the present on this bill but the debate is starting and some of the budget cuts that were recommended are being withdrawn as the process gears up. The Administration and the USDA are still in a turmoil since the resignation of Secretary Espy. Approximately 2 million acres of CRP contracts are to expire in 1995 but the talk is still continuing as to the future of the CRP program with various options being considered. At the present time, Dan Glickman has been nominated by the Senate Ag Committee to be the next Secretary of Agriculture, all that is needed is a vote by the full Senate. Ms. Turner also indicated that Senator Brown will not be running for re-election in 1996 but several replacements are available for his position.

Next to report was Doris Morgan from Representative Wayne Allard's office. Ms. Morgan relayed an invitation from Representative Allard, for all who could, to attend a field hearing on the 1995 Farm Bill to be held at the Great Plains Research Station in Akron on April 18. It was reported that 60% of the 1995 Ag Budget is earmarked for Welfare Programs. Ms. Morgan also reported that Rep. Allard was able to get the Private Property Protection Bill amended to state that the government must pay fair market value for any private property it wished to obtain. Also, regarding Federal Mandates, an Allard amendment included stated that the Federal government must specify specific laws prior to issuing any mandate.

After a short break, Mike Smith from CSU reported on the non-fed beef study being conducted by CSU for NCA with Checkoff dollars. The study is similar to the National Beef Quality Audit conducted in 1991, using non-fed beef, ie. - cull cows and bulls, instead of fed beef. The study was conducted in three phases, first users were interviewed to determine problems they have with non-fed beef, second in-plant audits were conducted to identify specific problems with non-fed beef, and third a strategy workshop was held to put a dollar figure to the problems identified in the first 2 phases. The study indicated that we could do a better job of marketing cull cows and bulls by selling earlier before their condition declined to the poor category and by handling animals better to prevent bruises and lesions. An NCA Executive Summary of the study will be available from the CCA office upon request.

Lana Turner, the new vice president of the Southeast Junior Cattlemen, returned to the meet to give the Junior's report. The Southeast Junior Cattlemen have 35 members. Ms. Turner then read a list of the officers and directors for the Junior organization for the coming year.

Vernon Sharp from the CCA Board of Control stated the importance of the local associations in setting policy at the State level and reminded us that more members gave the organization more influence. These thoughts were also stated by Scott Johnson, Treasure of the CCA Board of Control.

Reeves Brown, CCA Executive Vice President, then addressed the meeting stating that Nationally the mood in the new Congress was changing more in the favor of agriculture and that the industry Long Range Plan was moving ahead with a complete structure to be revealed in Denver at the NCA summer meeting. Mr. Brown then reported on several bills in the State Legislature that CCA was monitoring these included the Property Rights Bill, the Wildlife Bill, and the Definition of Agricultural Land for Tax Purposes. CCA has also sent a letter to the National Western Stock Show Committee stating its solution to the drug residue problem at the show. Mr. Brown further reported that a board has been formed for the CCA Land Trust.

Mel Depra of the Division of Wildlife reported that wildlife ranching is now under the jurisdiction of the Brand Board and that wildlife ranchers must have proof of purchase from a commercial producer if they have animals classified as wildlife, in captivity. It was also stated that John Stulp from Lamar has been named as the new member to the Wildlife Commission. A discussion on game damage revealed that there must be a 10 day notification of damage submitted to the Wildlife office before action is taken to reimburse the land owner. Mr. Depra also indicated that the Division is opposed to any "Fair Fishing" initiative and to the \$5 Trout Stamp.

Being no further reports the business meeting was called to order. The minutes of the last meeting were read, Dale Seuffer made a motion to accept the minutes as read, seconded by Kerry Hartshorn. MOTION PASSED

As there was no old business to attend to, Milton Rink then gave the Audit and Budget Report and Pat Karney gave the Banking Summary Report. It was indicated that the proposed budget failed to include Affiliate Dues and that the interest received from the Bent-Prowers Endowment Trust was higher than what will actually be received. After discussion it was decided that the budget be reworked and presented later in the meeting with a balanced format. When presented later the budget was balanced and passed after a motion by Pat Karney and second by Milton Rink.

John Smartt reported for the Bent-Prowers Endowment Trust and made a motion to accept the report as given. Seconded by Ray Hays. MOTION PASSED

Dave Mendenhall presented the Resolutions Committee Report.

#1 concerned the support of the Endangered Species Moratorium

Bill Gray moved to accept, seconded by Jim Rehfeld. PASSED

#2 concerned giving one hunting license free to anyone owning over 3000 acres.

Motion to accept by Dale Seuffer, seconded by Hans Hasser. PASSED

#3 concerned Property Rights Protection and a Takings Impact Statement

Motion to accept by Johnnie Weber, seconded by Ken Clark PASSED

#4 concerned the impact of state and federal regulations on the beef industry.

Jess Perkins moved to accept, seconded by John Smartt. PASSED

#5 concerned a balanced federal budget requirement

Ken Clark moved to accept, seconded by Hans Hasser. PASSED

#6 concerned the remembrance of deceased members.

Jim Rehfeld of the Nominating Committee then nominated the following list of officers and directors for 1995.

President: Hans Hasser

1st Vice President: Dave Mendenhall

2nd Vice President: Milton Rink

Secretary-Treasurer: Bruce Fickenscher

Past Presidents: Steve Ptolemy, Jim Rehfeld, and Ross Nielsen

Powers County Directors: Dale Seuffer, Ray Hays, and Kerry Hart horn

Bent County Directors: Glen Brown, Joe Kasza, and John Smartt

Kiowa County Directors: Greg Shalberg, Chad Roberson, & Virgil Lessenden

Otero County Directors: Bill Gray, Pat Karney, & Walter Myers

Baca County Directors: Jess Perkins, Randy Shaw, Corwin Brown, & Joel Moffet

Johnnie Weber made a motion to accept the nominating list. Seconded by Bill Gray. NOMINATIONS ACCEPTED

Being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bruce Fickenscher
Bruce Fickenscher, Sec.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED AT THE 1995 ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE BENT-PROWERS CATTLE AND HORSE GROWERS ASSOCIATION

Resolution #1

WHEREAS, the Endangered Species Act has created severe hardship on agriculture.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association supports legislation to impose a 51 month hold on Endangered Species Act listing and critical habitat designation, and no further listing without sound scientific evidence.

Resolution #2

WHEREAS, the Division of Wildlife issues landowners licenses through a drawing process at a cost.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that any landowner owning 3000 deeded acres may receive one license for each big game species, ie. - Elk, Deer, and Antelope, that run in the area of the deeded land

Resolution #3

WHEREAS, the property right protection is the number one issue for purchaser and,

WHEREAS, the largest segment of landowners and land users, the right to responsibly use land and other natural resources is paramount to Cattleman's livelihood. We must bring balance and common sense back into the process.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association support a property right Bill that requires the federal government to prepare a takings impact analysis prior to taking an agency action. It defines the point at which a reduction in the value of the affected property, due to a regulation, constitutes a compensable taking. The bill would set clear taking guidelines and provide mechanisms for landowners to avoid lengthy and costly litigation.

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RESOLUTION #4

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association request the National Cattlemen's Association to commission a national beef industry study to determine the additional cost (per pound of beef produced) which beef producers incur for complying with the ever growing and cumbersome list of state and federal regulations.

RESOLUTION #5

WHEREAS, we, the back bone of the agriculture industry, are driven by markets; supply and demand. We must balance our budgets.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, we demand the federal government to balance their budget, also.

RESOLUTION #6

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association remember its deceased members.